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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
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Division of Workplace Programs**

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NOTICE TO FEDERAL AGENCIES

**HHS CERTIFIED AND APPLICANT LABORATORIES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

This notice is to inform the above addressees that the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (59 FR 29908, dated June 9, 1994) have been revised.

On November 13, 1998, the Department of Health and Human Services published a notice in the **Federal Register** revising the testing cutoff concentrations for opiates. A copy of that notice is attached. The effective date for this change to the Mandatory Guidelines is December 1, 1998.

The new opiate cutoff concentrations are applicable to the testing of all urine specimens submitted by Federal agencies, employers regulated by the Department of Transportation, contractors of the Department of Energy who are required to test for drugs under 10 CFR 707, and private sector employers who have requested or have been informed that the testing of specimens will conform with the Mandatory Guidelines.

To ensure consistency for implementing these new opiate cutoff concentrations, all urine specimens for which the immunoassay tests are performed **AFTER 12:00 MIDNIGHT (local time) NOVEMBER 30, 1998**, must be tested using these new opiate cutoff concentrations.

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